



FOUNDATIONS



LIFE

Value Worth Dying For

Fine Tuned

The electromagnetic coupling constant binds electrons to protons in atoms. If it was smaller, fewer electrons could be held. If it was larger, electrons would be held too tightly to bond with other atoms.

Our sun is the right colour. If it was redder or bluer, photosynthetic response would be weaker.

The earth's distance from the sun is crucial for a stable water cycle. Too far away, and most water would freeze; too close and most water would boil.

Genesis 1:20-23

Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Genesis 1:24-25

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Man and Dinosaurs

Dinosaurs and man lived together





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In dino fossil record there is no evolutionary development of them or transitional forms to them.

Evidence they lived on an ideal earth

Died in climactic flood.

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Categories of life

Birds

Water animals

Great sea
creatures

Every living things
that moves in the water

Land animals

Cattle

Creeping
thing

Beast of
the earth

Man



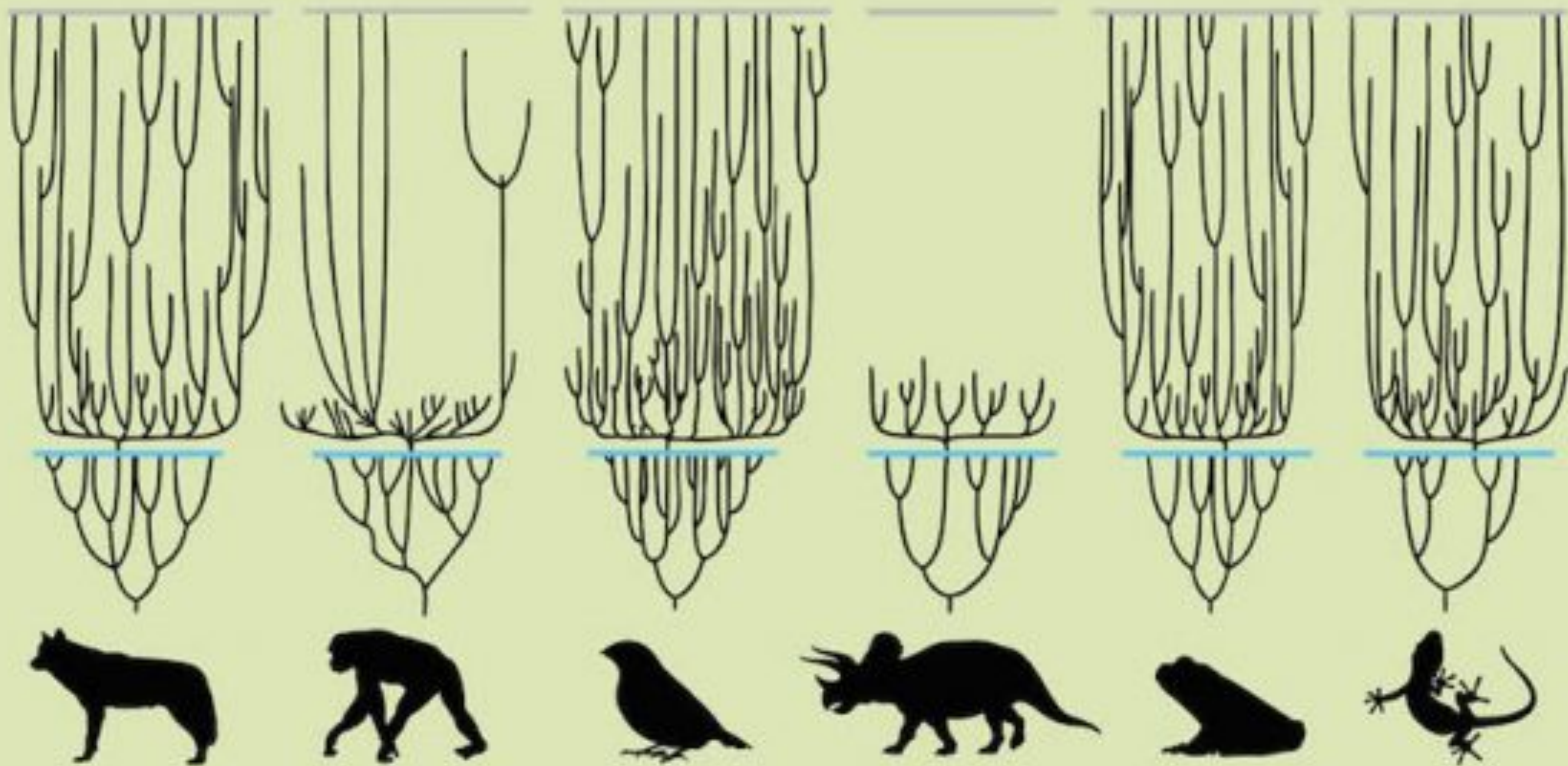
Plants are not life

Gen 1:29 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.

What is a Kind?

The highest possible category of animal in which it is possible to breed a male and female and produce offspring.

The Limitation and the variation



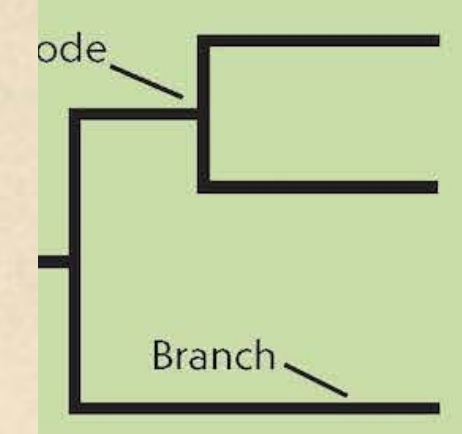
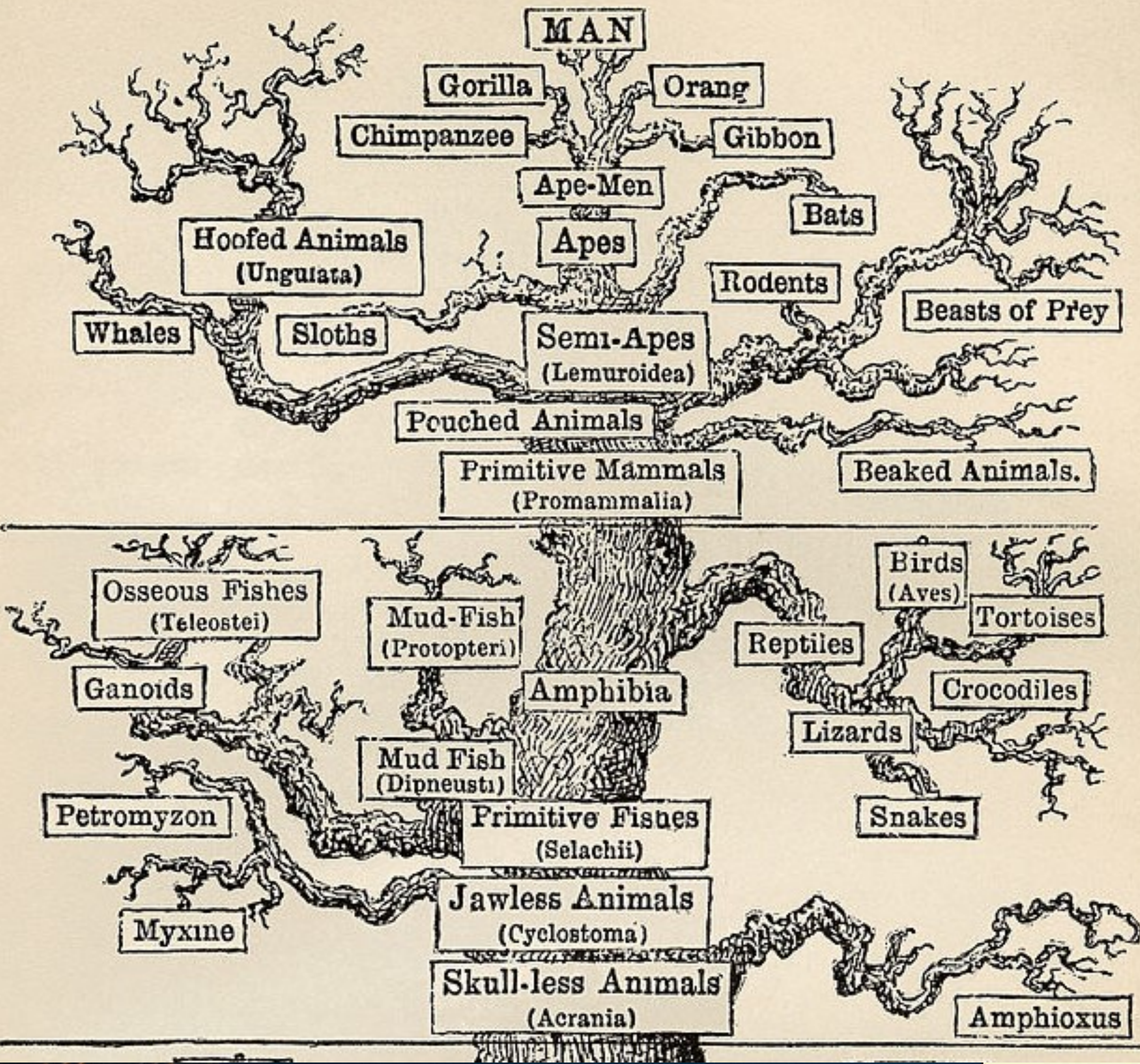
The Backwards Nature of Evolution

Beginning of life - minerals, from rocks in water. Amino acids and such

Evolution of life - man from animals.

WHAT IS MAN?

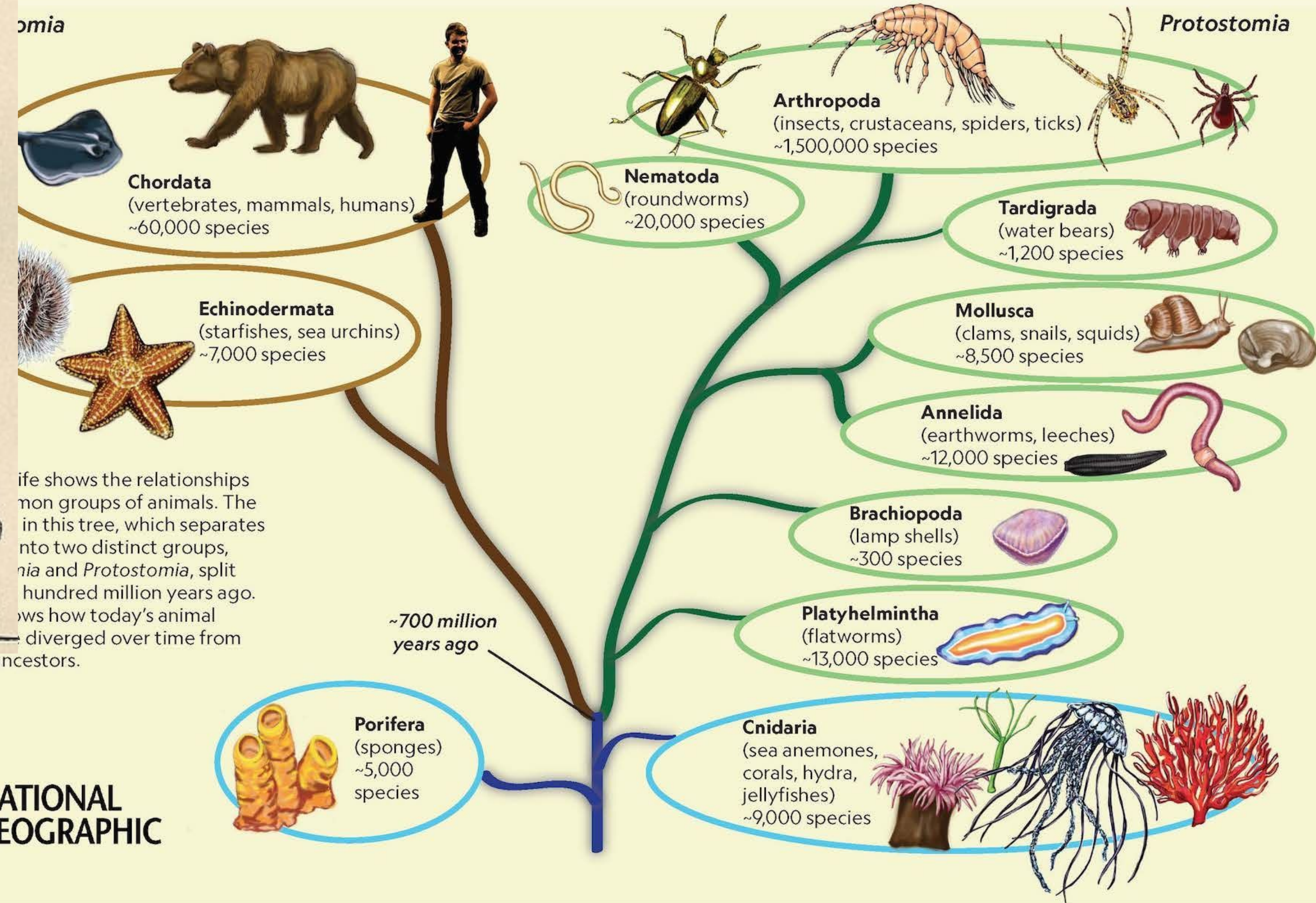
PEDIGREE OF MAN.



THE TREE OF LIFE

A phylogenetic tree shows the evolutionary relationships among different organisms. The branches of the tree show where genetic or physical similarities and differences between organisms begin or end.

A phylogenetic tree is like a family tree. The root of the tree represents a distant ancestor of the species that appear at the ends of the branches. The branches separate at nodes, or points where ancestral lines split into new lines of evolution.



Life shows the relationships among groups of animals. The tree in this diagram, which separates life into two distinct groups, Chordata and Protostomia, split about 700 million years ago. It shows how today's animals have diverged over time from common ancestors.



How does evolution support this?

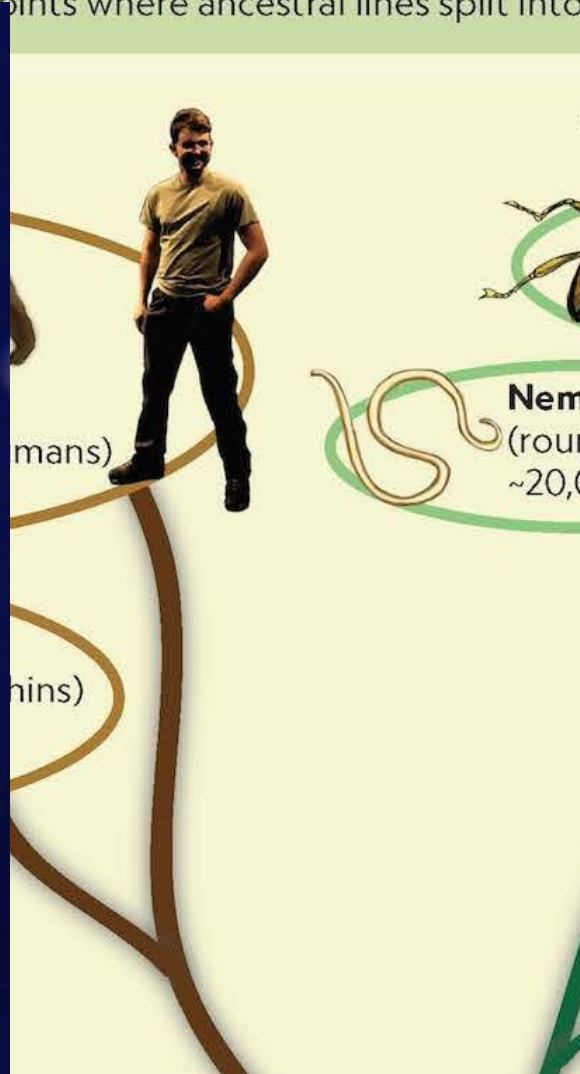
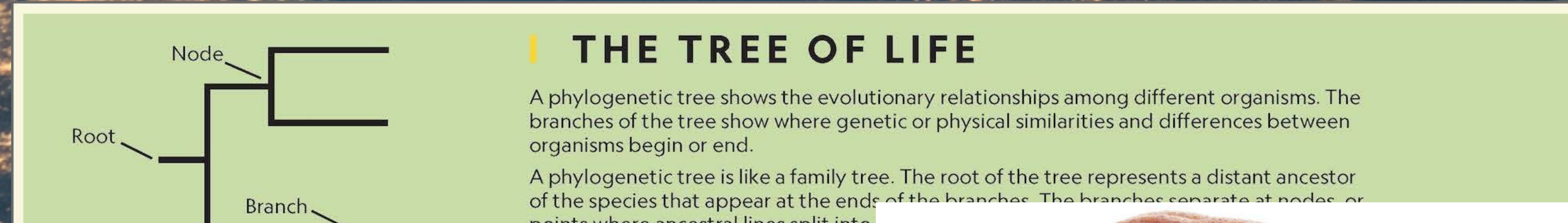
Variations and Adaptability

Biological similarities

Fossil record

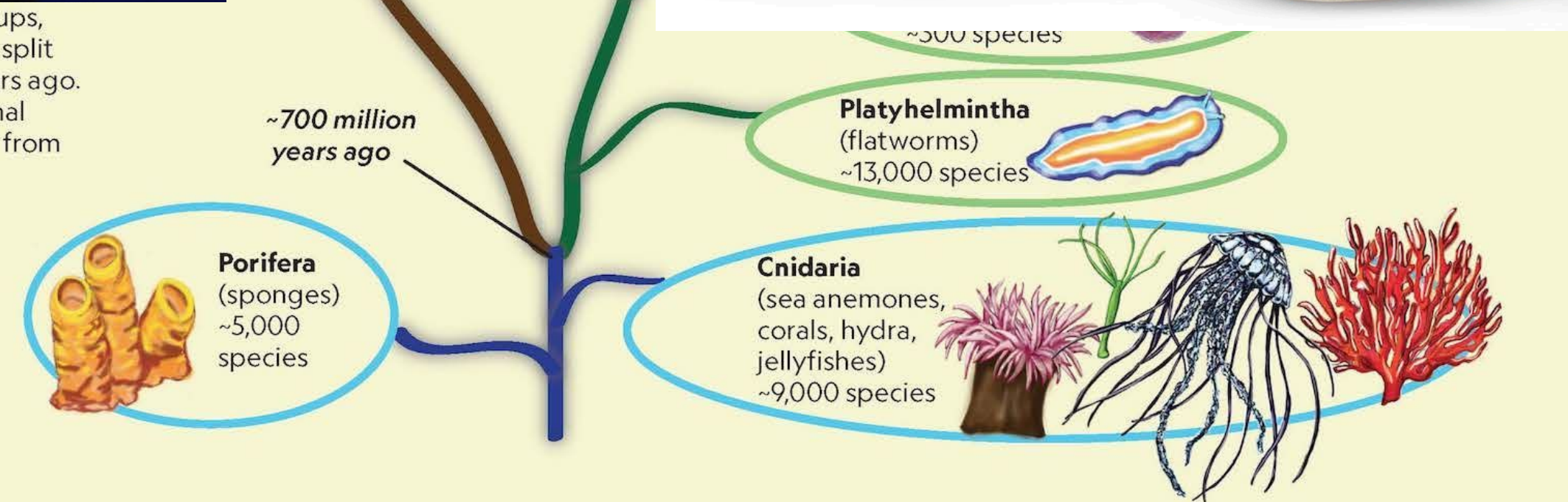
Problems with biological evolution

Tree of life



the animals into two distinct groups, *Deuterostomia* and *Protostomia*, split about seven hundred million years ago. This tree shows how today's animal species have diverged over time from common ancestors.

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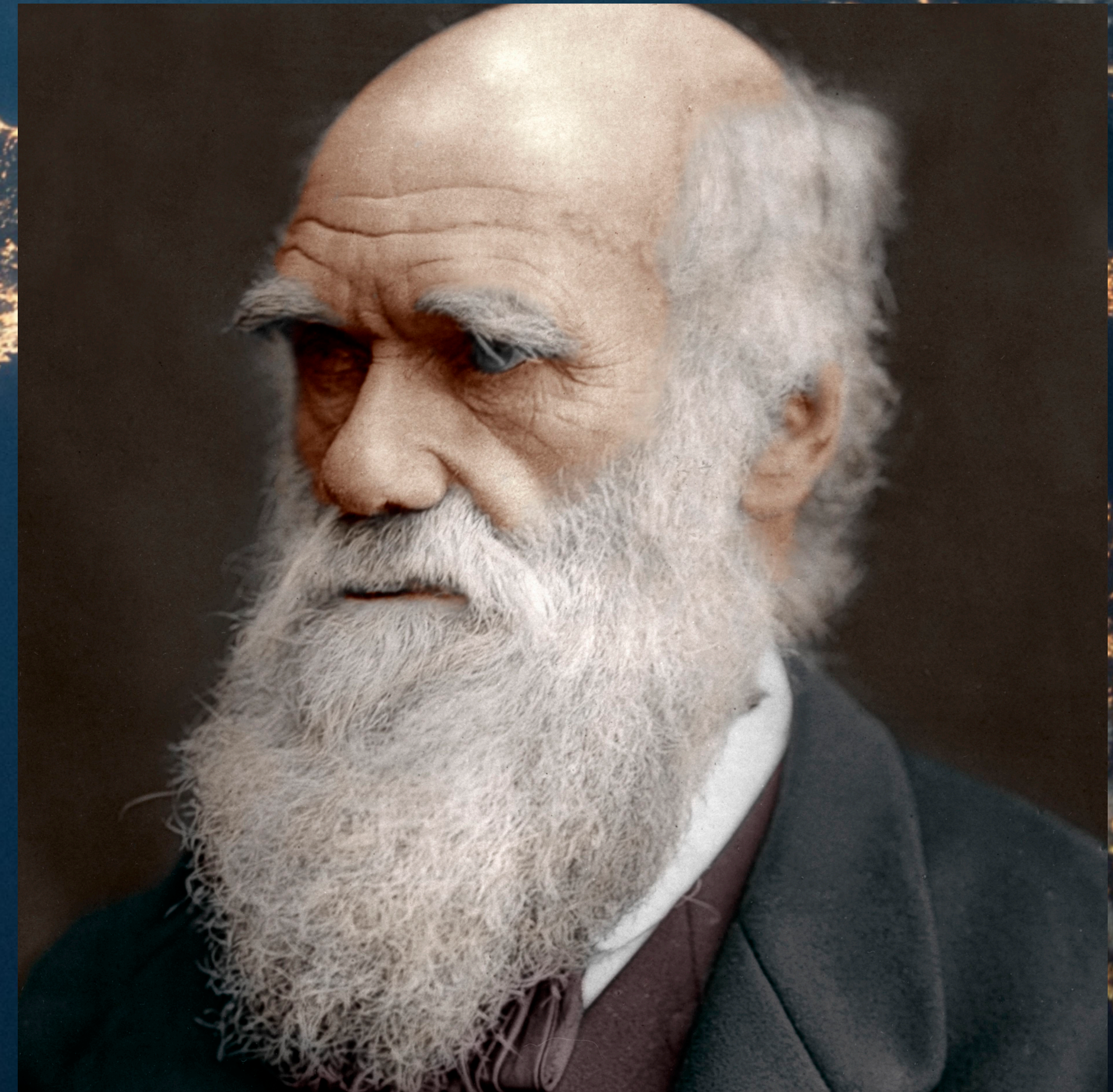
Adaptability



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Irreducible complexity

"If it could be demonstrated that **any complex organ existed**, which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down.



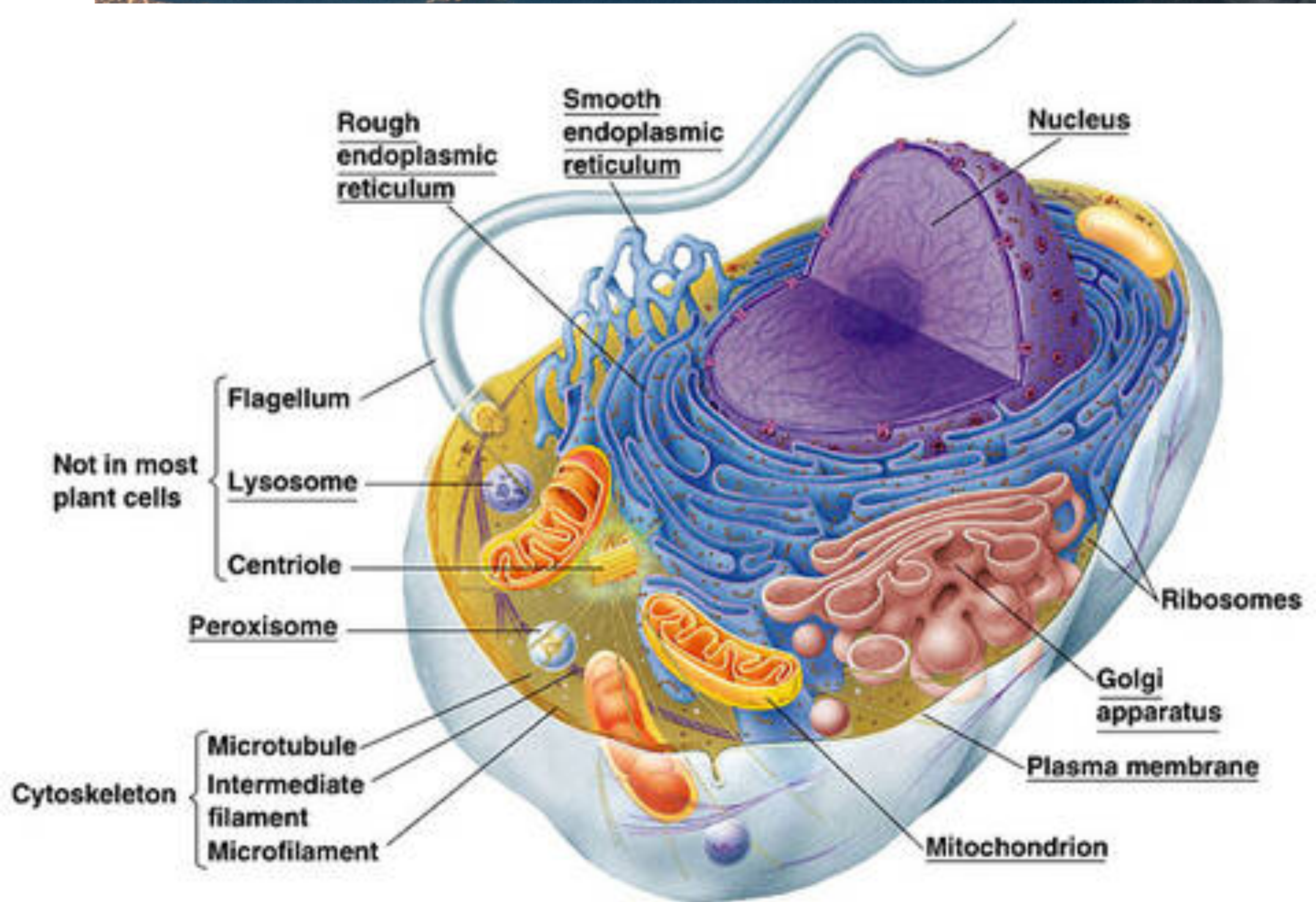
hold-down bar

hammer

spring

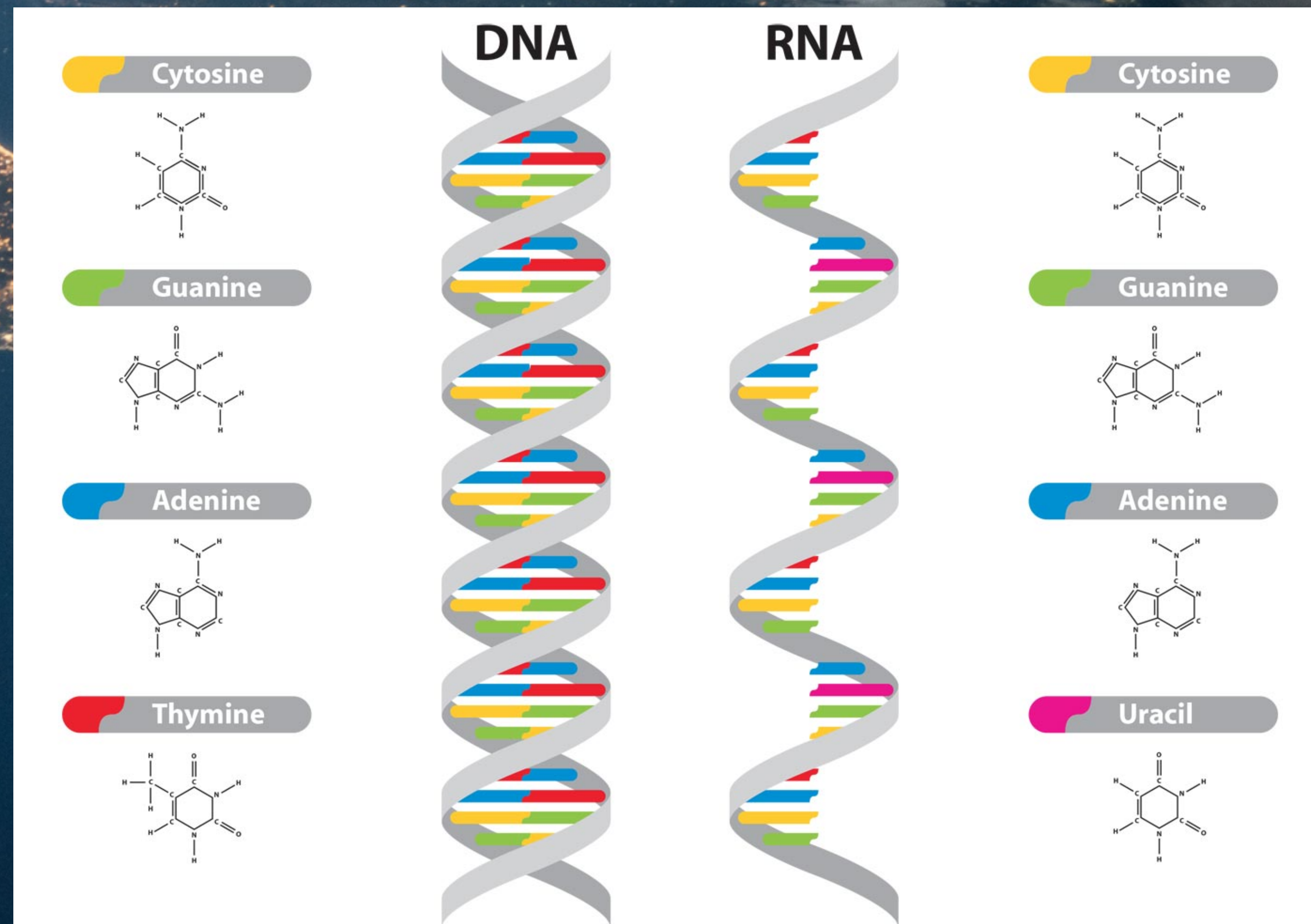
platform

catch



Problems with biological evolution

Information



Why does it matter to us?

Creation

We go to God to
determine what man is

Life has intrinsic value based
on image of God

Death is the great enemy to
be conquered

Evolution

We go to animals to
determine what man is

Life has no intrinsic
value

Who knows about death?



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Man is an animal

Life has no intrinsic value

Who knows about Death?

Ecclesiastes 3:16-17

Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, even there was wickedness, and in the place of righteousness, even there was wickedness. I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work.

Ecclesiastes 3:18

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I said in my heart with regard to the children of man that God is testing them that they may see that they themselves are but beasts.

Ecclesiastes 3:19-22

For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same;
as one dies, so dies the other.

They all have the same breath

2

and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity.

3

All are from the dust, and to dust all return.

Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward
and the spirit of the beast goes down into the earth?

So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him to see what will be after him?

A satellite view of Earth at night, showing the curvature of the planet and the glowing lights of cities and towns. The text "Man is not an animal" is overlaid in the center.

Man is not an animal

Misprioritizing Life with Animals

Luke 14:5 And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?"

Looking to Animals for our Cues

Why is Dr. Harvey Karp, America's preeminent baby shaman and an assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Southern California, screeching like a 2-year-old? He's demonstrating a technique he calls "playing the boob," one of several he has devised for communicating with toddlers. Other entries in the Karp playbook include "the fast-food rule" and "toddler-ese"—the latter, a mode of communication heavy on fist-clenching and sputtered sentence fragments, is designed to ease the upset of a young child who, as Karp puts it, has "gone ape." Actually, according to Karp's theory of toddlerhood, toddlers essentially are little apes—or, at best, little cavemen—and ought to be approached using tactics that treat them as such.

The Atlantic: Ed Leibowitz. *"Toddler Man"* Harvey Karp's quixotic crusade to teach adults how to talk to 2-year-olds



**It is foolish for man to look to animals
for what to be!**

**Romans 1:22-23 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,
and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for
images resembling mortal man and birds and animals
and creeping things.**



Life has Intrinsic Value

No Intrinsic Value for Life?

“The notion that human life is sacred just because it is human life is medieval.”

“If possessing a higher degree of intelligence does not entitle one human to use another for his or her own ends, how can it entitle humans to exploit non-humans?”

Peter Singer

Basis for Intrinsic Value of Life?

Matt Dillahunty (MD): I don't think the universe cares at all about human life. [Humans] have value because they have value to us.

Glen Scrivener (GS): And who's us?

MD: Humans.

GS: All humans?

MD: Well...any of the humans who are able to consider the proposition of whether or not they have value.

GS: Which is the strong. And that's my problem – it becomes an ever-shrinking circle of humanity that we have, and it's the strong who rule over the weak.



Some Ways our World undervalues life

Abortion

Racism

Euthanasia

Critical Race Theory

Class warfare

Stealing

Sexual exploitation

Oppression

Climate Change Agenda



MAN

Made in the image of God

His life is a gift that's breathed into him.

Life itself is a precious gift, latent with value.

Tree of life - live forever

Life to be treated as sacred

Gen 9:3-4 Into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

Genesis 9:5-6 From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

Jesus infuses value into life

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

1 John 4:9-11 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

God's Life Undervalued

Acts 3:14-15 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead.



Death Conquered

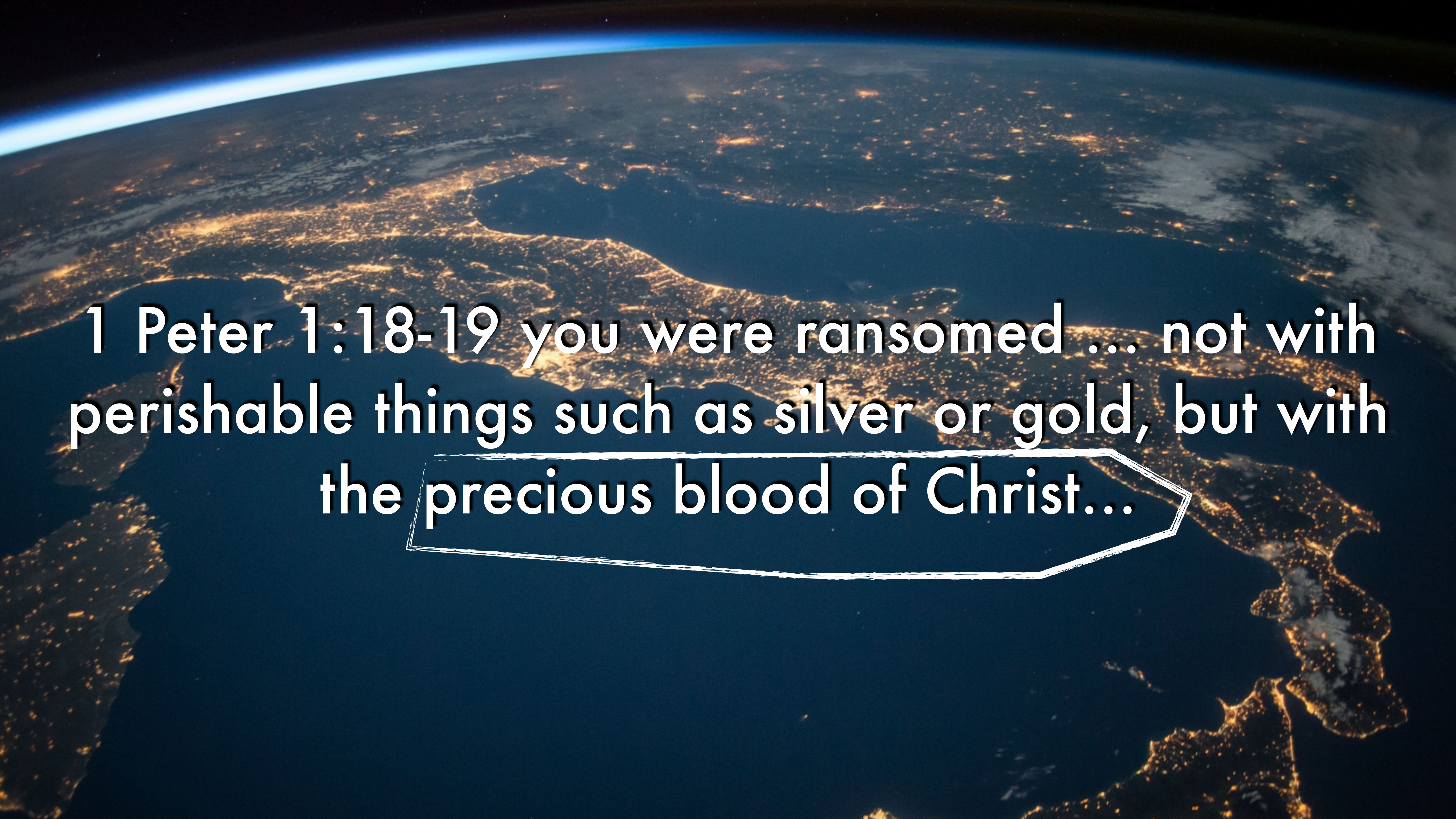
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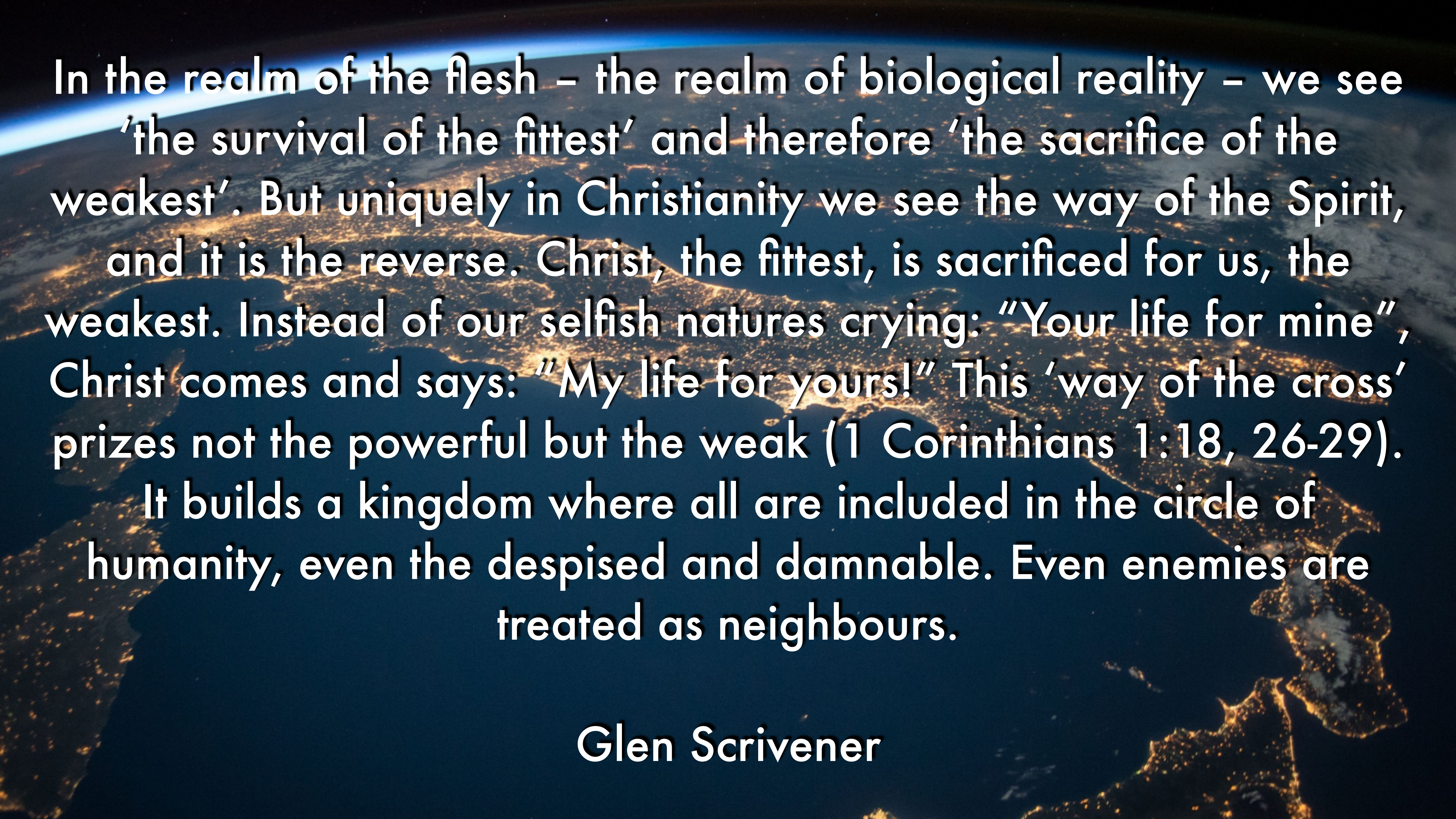
So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him to see what will be after him?

Death is an enemy to be Conquered!

1 Corinthians 15:55-56 "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



1 Peter 1:18-19 you were ransomed ... not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ...



In the realm of the flesh – the realm of biological reality – we see 'the survival of the fittest' and therefore 'the sacrifice of the weakest'. But uniquely in Christianity we see the way of the Spirit, and it is the reverse. Christ, the fittest, is sacrificed for us, the weakest. Instead of our selfish natures crying: "Your life for mine", Christ comes and says: "My life for yours!" This 'way of the cross' prizes not the powerful but the weak (1 Corinthians 1:18, 26-29).

It builds a kingdom where all are included in the circle of humanity, even the despised and damnable. Even enemies are treated as neighbours.

Glen Scrivener